

Friday 10th July 2026

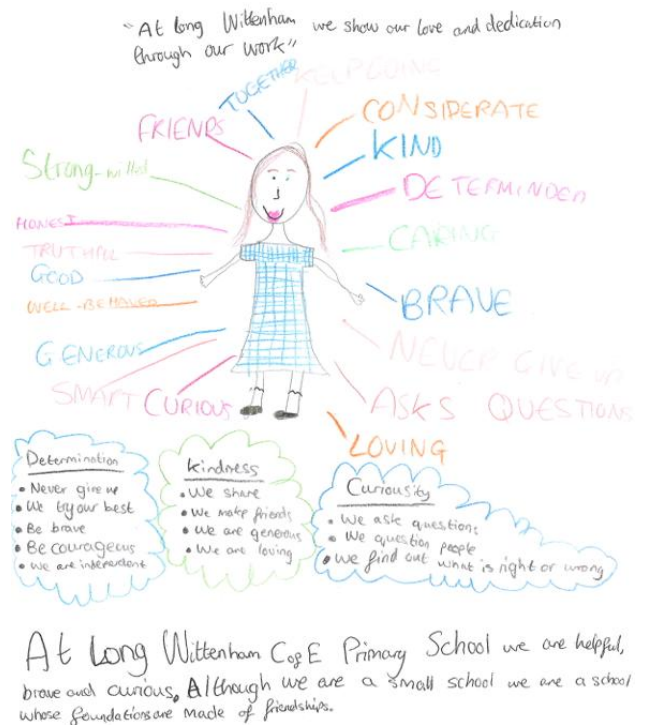
Long Wittenham C.E. Primary School



Show our love through kindness, determination and curiosity; strengthening ourselves and our community

In Assembly on Monday, with Transition Morning in mind, I set the children a challenge to think about what they would share with others about our school and what qualities a child who attends Long Wittenham would have. We often talk about how, as a school, we are not only here to support children academically, but also to help develop them into fantastic young people who are ready to go out into the world. It was lovely to spend time in all of the classrooms listening to these discussions and hearing how proud the children are to be members of our school community. They produced some thoughtful pieces of work, which will be displayed around the school in September.

As mentioned above, transition morning was a great success, with the children enjoying time in their new classrooms. With our mixed-age classes, this gave the year groups remaining in the same classroom an opportunity to show the incoming children what makes their class so special. This was wonderful to see, particularly where some children were feeling a little uncertain about the changes. As always, kindness was at the forefront of their minds.



It was also fantastic to welcome our new Reception children into school for the first time. They had a great morning as part of our comprehensive induction programme for new starters, and I hope they are already beginning to feel part of our wonderful school community.

Thank you to all the parents and families who endured the heat alongside us for the final Celebration Assembly of the year. It was wonderful to celebrate the positive values demonstrated by the children. It is always lovely to hear the reasons given by teachers when awarding these certificates, as they highlight the strength of our values and the important role they play in everyday school life.

Once again, the strength of the Long Wittenham community has been demonstrated through a generous donation from the Long Wittenham Youth Club. We would like to thank the club's former treasurers, Tracey and Trisha, for thinking of us. We are incredibly grateful for their support and look forward to using the funds to enhance the wider opportunities and experiences we provide for our children.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Summer Fayre on Saturday from 12.00pm to 2.00pm. This fantastic joint event with Long Wittenham Pre-School is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together as a community, and I am sure it will be a fantastic day.

Miss Clarke

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This Week's Learning

Acorn Class:

This week in Acorn Class, we've been keeping cool and learning all about how to stay safe in the hot weather! The children thoroughly enjoyed Move Up Morning and have proudly written 'Transition Passports' to take with them as they begin their exciting journey into Year 1. We have also loved learning about the native animals of Australia. A huge thank you to all of the Koalas who came into school for the day!!

Mrs Beeton & Mrs Humphries

Birch Class:

In Birch Class, we have written our own versions of *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*, retelling the story from the seagulls' perspective. In History, we created fact files about the three queens we have been learning about. In Science, we carried out an exciting investigation into our sense of touch, exploring which parts of the body are the most sensitive and what happens when we place our hands in water at different temperatures. In Maths, we have explored 3D shapes, created patterns using 2D shapes, and learned how to measure and record temperature.

Miss Clarke

Pine Class:

Pine Class have been busy planning and writing their own dialogue this week in English. We also have just one more chapter of our much-loved class book, *The Last Bear*, to enjoy together on Monday. In Maths, we have continued our learning on statistics, focusing on interpreting line graphs and using two-way tables. On Monday, we visited Pendon Museum, where we learned all about childhood and education 100 years ago. The children particularly enjoyed playing with old-fashioned toys and making their own rag dolls. In Science, we planted runner beans in soil, sand and paper and have begun observing their growth, tracking any changes we notice each day. In RE, we compared the activities we take part in at church with those we might do in our own special places, considering where these experiences overlap and why these places are important to us.

Mrs McNamee

Oak Class:

This week, most of Year 6 enjoyed transition days at their secondary schools, helping them prepare for the exciting move ahead. Back at school, we have been busy putting the finishing touches on our end-of-year play and are looking forward to performing it next week. We have also been creating props and stage decorations to bring our production to life. In maths, we have been developing our understanding of the order of operations, including how and when to use brackets correctly.

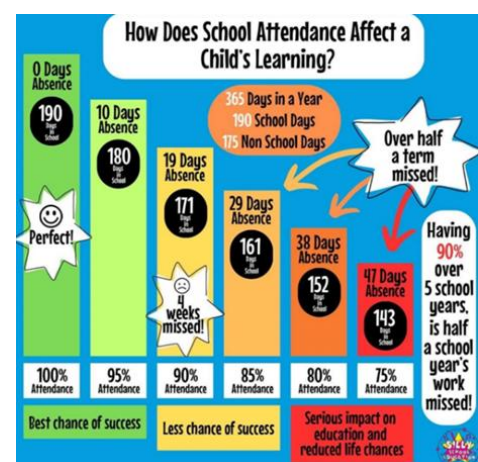
Mrs Greenway and Mr Smith

Attendance Update

Whole school attendance: 95.8%

Congratulations to Birch Class: 98.57% attendance.

If you are not sure if your child is well enough to come to school please check the following guidance: [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)



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Dates for your Diaries 2025-2026	
Wednesday 15 th April	Elite After School Football Club (every Wednesday, 15 th April-15 th July)
Monday 8 th June – Monday 13 th July	Forest School for Year 6s who haven't attended this academic year
Saturday 11 th July	Summer Fayre 12:00pm – 2:00pm
Wednesday 15 th July	Oak Class Performance 2pm & 6pm
Friday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' church service 12:30pm End of term – break up at 1:30pm

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